

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2402
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STORAGE AND TRANSIT LOSSES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether heavy expenditure is incurred on transportation of foodgrains to storage godowns and from thereto distribution centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the foodgrains are also reported to have been lost during transportation and storage;
- (d) if so, the total quantity and value of foodgrains so lost during the said period; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to check the such wasteful expenditure and loss of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of expenditure incurred by Food Corporation of India (FCI) on transportation of foodgrains to storage godowns and from thereto distribution centres during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)				
Particulars	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Provisional)	
Railway freight	257957.71	257982.47	263219.43	
Lorry freight	36196.28	40098.25	43045.75	
Steamer freight	730.70	702.20	885.86	
Transport subsidy to Hill States	11216.63	5001.12	968.77	
Demurrage/Diversion charges etc.	3146.15	3952.17	2848.70	

TOTAL	309247.47	307736.21	310968.51	
Internal movements	3595.34	2897.29	2126.51	

GRAND TOTAL 312842.81 310633.50 313095.02

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The details of storage and transit losses for FCI on all India basis for the last three years are given in Annexure-I.

(e): The measures taken by the FCI to reduce storage and transit losses are given in Annexure-II.